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For: TAPERED TUBING FOR USE IN EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT FOR  
PERIPHERAL VEIN FLUID REMOVAL

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 30, 2008, and in conjunction with a request for continued examination (RCE), please amend the above-identified application as follows: